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1. The most important installations and landmarks in the vicinity of the Gorki Tank Works are:
 - a. The new street which runs through the suburbs of Sormovo and Vysochovo parallel to the Volga River.
 - b. The tank testing grounds (Panzerübungsgelände) and the tank parking area (Panzerabstellplatz).
 - c. The Gorki Tank Works No. 112 and surrounding landmarks.
 2. The new street, constructed by PWs under military supervision, runs in a northwesterly direction from the tank factory to a forested area about six kilometers away, and serves almost exclusively the purposes of the tank works and the Tank Command of the area. The PWs were permitted to work on this street as far as the railroad crossing on the western side of the suburb of Vysochovo. At this point PW crews were withdrawn, presumably because the road, which leads to the town of Balaklava, passes through military installations of the Tank Command.
 3. The tank testing grounds is located northwest of the suburb of Sormovo, approximately fifteen kilometers from Gorki city center. It is a hilly, sandy, barren complex which borders a large wooded district on the banks of the Volga River. In the woods are numerous, well camouflaged billets (Mannschaftsunterkünfte), which source describes as earthen bunkers, and scarcely discernible open air parking areas for tanks. Tank tests are carried out night and day. Source estimates that the area, which is probably used as a temporary storage place after successful completion of tests, contained over 100 T-43 and Sherman type tanks (large tanks with anti-aircraft turrets). Apparently little use is made of German tanks and assault guns.
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4. The Gorki Tank Works No. 112 begins at the southeastern edge of Sormovo and runs in a southeasterly direction along the banks of the Volga River towards the city of Gorki. According to source, a shipyard where submarines are laid up (aufgeleiert), is attached to the tank factory. Marine officials and workers employed at this shipyard must pass through the tank works on their way to and from work.
- [redacted] a definite line of demarcation between the shipyard and the tank works. However, it was during this period that he

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noticed submarines under construction. In this connection, [redacted] that submarine parts are also produced in the Gorki Stalin Works, which are allegedly then sent to Works No. 112 for final assembly.

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5. The Gorki Tank Works No. 112 is an old factory dating from the period between the two world wars. All damage caused by bombardment during the recent war has been cleared. As late as the spring of 1949 [redacted] the construction of many new installations in the factory yards. Considerable effort was also made to pave roads and approaches within the compound.

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[redacted] ~~Comment: The original text says T-43 type of tank.~~

attachment: Sketch Map of Tank Testing Grounds and Tank Parking Area Near Gorki

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